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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair, at times slightly better for midweek trading. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was seasonally light to fair with interest focused on other holiday meat items. Gizzards were well cleared, breast items and dark meat was at least adequate. Wings were mixed, ranging sufficient to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 72.50 cents last year on November 16, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	147.50
BREASTS - B/S	115.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	88.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair with trading usually limited to most immediate needs, and interest was focused on other meat items for the holiday. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally fair at best with offerings of all items at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to instances fairly good and generally noted as better than expected for mid week trading. Offerings of all sizes were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings, thigh meat and gizzards were well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light to moderate with mid-range weights in the tightest position. Fill-in trade noted on 2 3/4 and 3 1/2 pound wogs into the Ohio area at 60 1/2 cents. Retail demand was light to moderate and holiday items received greater focus. Food service movement was light to fairly good; sports bars, fast food and delis showed best call. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was slow on sufficient supplies. The market tone was generally steady on all items.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were fully adequate to cover the light buyers' interest. Buying activity was seasonally fair with interest best for traditional holiday items. Retailer demand was fair. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts.

### **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 11, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 11, 2006 were 7.78 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES**

	WEEK ENDING 11/04/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	204,107	210,900	-03	
CHICKS PLACED	161,152	165,141	-02	

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Dec-06 is estimated at 150.5 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 155.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.76 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	788	82.00-159.00	-	96.21	BREAST - B/S	613	83.00-168.00	-	96.92
TENDERLOINS	168	75.00-149.00	-	89.24	TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN	137	65.00-79.00	66-68	69.15
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	177	29.00-46.00	30	30.01	LEGS	203	29.00-46.00	30	31.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	20.00-29.00	23-24	23.31	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	540	20.00-29.00	23-24	23.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	764	21.00-31.00	25	25.29	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	729	21.00-31.00	25	25.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	70.00-85.00	72-75	75.42	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	72.00-85.00	74-78	77.36
WINGS (CUT)	250	92.00-100.00	94-98	95.24	WINGS (CUT)	325	90.00-100.00	92-96	94.55
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.50-43.50	39.41	36.50-44.00	39.31	39.61

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was seasonally light as dealers looked to more traditional holiday items and attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Giblets and wings were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady for breast items; wings, giblets and thigh meat were at least steady to instances firm.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

NOVEMBER 14, 2006	CURRENT NEG	WTD		NOVEMBER 15, 2006	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	92.74	750,340	BREAST - B/S	100-105	94.50	867,650
TENDERLOINS	85-90	97.94	174,330	TENDERLOINS	85-90	94.10	130,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	62.53	186,400	BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	67.40	90,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	61.84	77,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	62	61.27	88,200
LEGS	39-40	42.26	91,580	LEGS	39-40	36.65	215,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.78	323,960	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.44	247,560
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.75	80,900	DRUMSTICKS	26-27	31.44	118,880
THIGHS	25-26	39.53	121,500	THIGHS	25-26	33.71	53,200
B/S THIGHS	80-81	83.16	69,320	B/S THIGHS	81-82	78.84	146,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	79.26	230,080	WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	85.72	169,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	32,760	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	33,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.70	16,800	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.33	15,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	68.14	44,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	70.13	21,840

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	3,948	4,041	5.39	3,787	5.61
Arkansas	5,326	5,320	5.36	5,091	5.45
Delmarva	1,857	2,259	5.91	2,229	5.95
KY-LA-TN	2,053	2,377	5.22	2,274	5.25
Mississippi	2,684	2,971	5.82	2,953	6.01
N Carolina	2,719	2,288	6.79	2,672	6.93
Texas	2,525	2,505	5.42	2,568	5.37
Total	21,112	21,761	5.65	21,574	5.75
Mon-Wed	64,660(A)			65,544(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Nov-06 is estimated to be 31,586,000 head down 2.43 percent from a week ago and up 1.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,374,000, last year 30,981,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-105
	DRY PACK 110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
	DRY PACK 100-107
DUCKS	190-195

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-NOV-06

	CURRENT WEEK 11/18/06 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/11/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	167,718 (2)	166,250
Light hens	1,206	1,073
Heavy hens	1,639	1,582
Total	170,563	168,905

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Nov-06 is 156.3 million head compared to 165.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.1 million head or 11.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Nov-06 the estimated available is 156.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 11/13/06	73,722	64,532
AM 11/01/06	85,621	63,338
CHG	-11,899	1,194
PCT CHG	-14	2

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/13/06	11/06/06	11/14/05	11/13/06	11/06/06	11/14/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	2,068	2,001	1,824	11,348	11,250	4,910
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	221	243	57	2,955	2,867	2,437

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-80

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 11/14/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	1.95	1.48	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	2.05	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.60	.65	.61	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	8.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.55	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.70	.85	.77	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.21	DUCKS ea.	4.75	7.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	1.55	1.47	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	5.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	102						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 10, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	64.52	158.18	74.93	20.81	4.16	79.09
High	69.52	166.51	87.42	24.98	8.33	79.09
Mostly	68.27	162.35	83.26	24.98	4.16	79.09
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	65.36	158.18	79.09	20.81	4.16	81.17
High	69.93	166.51	87.42	24.98	4.16	81.17
Mostly	68.69	162.35	79.09	24.98	4.16	81.17
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	64.52	158.18	74.93	24.98	4.16	79.09
High	70.77	166.51	79.09	29.14	8.33	79.09
Mostly	68.69	162.35	79.09	24.98	4.16	79.09
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	65.77	162.35	79.09	24.98	4.16	83.26
High	72.02	166.51	87.42	29.14	8.33	83.26
Mostly	69.52	162.35	83.26	29.14	8.33	83.26

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to fairly good and generally noted as better than expected. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared and despite continuing erosion of premiums, discounting was less a factor in maintaining overall clearances. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were suspended at some plants, a normal seasonal practice, and were light in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to fully adequate. except gizzards were well cleared. Increased inquiry was noted for wings. Bone-in breasts were readily available and slow to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE 55-74  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)  
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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